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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about June 1, 1956, they held 1,887.9 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 1 per cent greater than the 1,868.5 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,057.6 (1,049.1); Canada, 599.8 (541.8); Australia, 160.8 (133.8); and Argentina, 69.7 (143.8).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the major exporting countries for the months of August, 1955 to May, 1956 inclusive, were 686.3, 9.0 per cent above the 629.9 million exported in the same period for 1954-55. Canadian exports for the period increased from 209.7 to 234.0 million bushels. Exports from other countries in millions of bushels were: United States, up from 226.4 to 269.7; Argentina, a decrease from 112.0 to 98.0; and Australia, an increase from 81.8 to 84.6.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to July 14, 1956 (with 1955 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 888 (9,294); feeder cattle, 51 (5,726); dairy and purebred cattle, 27,236 (21,914); calves, 3,509 (3,870); hogs, 577 (6,614); and sheep, 948 (6,407).

Live stock imported from the United States for slaughter in Canada for the same period in 1956 were: cattle, 5,775; calves, 118; and sheep and lambs, 14,557.

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: beef, 6,042,000 lb. an increase of 64 per cent over last year; pork, 36,603,000 lb. an increase of 15 per cent; and mutton and lamb, 26,296 lb. a decrease of 6 per cent.

DAIRYING:

In the month of June, 1956, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 3,239,709 lb. compared to 3,399,010 lb. for June, 1955, a decrease of 4.7 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for June, 1956, was estimated at 2,784,000 compared with 2,776,000 for June, 1955. Production per hen for the month increased from 14.5 in June, 1955 to 15.1 in 1956. Farm egg production for the month increased from 3,278,000 dozen in June, 1955 to 3,499,000 in June, 1956.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
Deliveries and Loadings:	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of June	13,322	14,791	2,443	2,685	2,682	3,621	391	361	62	69
January - June	43,965	53,675	4,975	7,327	11,478	14,833	981	2,282	301	417
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in June:	1.06	1.09	0.54	0.49	0.81	0.71	0.75	0.93	3.16	3.29
					- thousands of dollars -					
Estimated Total Cash Returns:										
Month of June	14,122	16,122	1,319	1,316	2,172	2,571	293	336	196	227
January - June	46,603	58,506	2,571	3,590	8,619	10.531	797	2,197	852	1,538
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - June	7,073	17,674	910	-	2,735	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of June	14,122	16,122	1,319	1,316	2,172	2,571	293	336	196	227
January - June	53,676	76,180	3,481	3,590	11,354	10,531	797	2,197	852	1,538

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	1955	1956
Month of June	$ 18,102,000	$ 20,572,000
January - June	$ 70,160,000	$ 94,036,000

CROP AND LIVE STOCK ESTIMATES BASIS JUNE 1, AGRICULTURAL SURVEY.

ACREAGES OF PRINCIPAL CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW IN ALBERTA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES.

	ALBERTA				PRAIRIE PROVINCES			
	1951 Census	1955 Estimate	1956 Estimate	1956 as per cent of 1955	1951 Census	1955 Estimate	1956 Estimate	1956 as per cent of 1955
	- thousands of acres -				- thousands of acres -			
Wheat	6,424	5,714	5,134	90	24,385	20,812	20,630	99
Oats	2,854	2,649	2,961	112	8,312	7,788	8,605	110
Barley	3,041	3,702	3,649	99	7,530	9,638	8,462	88
Rye	284	174	120	69	1,047	707	477	68
Flaxseed	135	248	539	217	1,086	1,809	3,097	158
Tame Hay	1,206	1,422	1,415	100	2,177	2,578	2,655	103
Summerfallow	6,195	6,541	6,682	102	21,569	23,965	23,280	97

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ON FARMS IN ALBERTA

CATTLE

	BULLS	COWS		YEARLING HEIFERS		STEERS	CALVES	TOTAL
	Over 1 Year	For Milk	For Beef	For Milk	For Beef	Over 1 Year	Under 1 Year	
1951 (Census)	32,000	287,000	420,000	81,000	144,000	170,000	438,000	1,563,000
1955 (Estimate)	44,000	315,000	605,000	86,000	195,000	255,000	585,000	2,085,000
1956 (Estimate)	44,000	312,000	644,000	80,000	205,000	305,000	596,000	2,185,000
1956 as % of 1955	100	99	106	93	105	120	102	105

	SHEEP AND LAMBS			HOGS			HORSES
	Over 1 Year	Lambs	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Total
1951 (Census)	181,000	149,000	330,000	715,000	216,000	931,000	261,000
1955 (Estimate)	240,000	220,000	460,000	1,160,000	460,000	1,620,000	176,000
1956 (Estimate)	237,000	218,000	455,000	975,000	480,000	1,455,000	162,000
1956 as % of 1955	99	99	99	84	104	90	92

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LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

JUNE, 1956, AND SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of June:								
Calgary	18.17	18.54	17.33	16.85	19.81	19.82	24.82	23.83
Edmonton	18.18	18.04	16.89	16.98	20.66	21.17	25.31	24.73
Lethbridge	18.17	17.80	17.37	16.93	-	18.58	24.44	23.58
January - June:								
Calgary	18.02	16.81	16.78	15.47	18.54	18.35	21.93	20.19
Edmonton	17.94	16.31	16.02	14.79	19.42	19.15	22.47	20.80
Lethbridge	18.28	16.48	16.70	15.50	18.28	17.87	21.72	19.93

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1955	May 1955	May 1956	June 1956
21.5	19.5	19.0	16.5	21.9

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1955	May 1955	May 1956	June 1956
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	104.1	106.6	103.0	94.7
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	107.7	114.0	121.8	111.1
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	97.1	93.6	84.5	85.2

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

JUNE, 1956, AND A SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- Number of head -				
Month of June	51,971	68,208	9,408	11,557	2,573	4,658	170,807	176,875
January - June	276,742	313,961	41,343	47,120	80,804	89,580	923,651	887,284
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of June	7,750	10,845	493	1,015	120	206	-	-
January - June	32,502	41,458	3,371	4,551	1,167	2,504	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of June	44,221	57,363	8,915	10,536	2,453	4,452	170,807	176,875
January - June	244,240	272,503	37,972	42,563	79,637	87,076	923,651	887,284
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of June	2,270	2,454	753	769	103	115	2,373	2,167
January - June	12,956	13,382	4,253	4,529	814	684	13,227	15,225
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of June	46,491	59,817	9,668	11,305	2,556	4,567	173,180	179,042
January - June	257,196	285,885	42,225	47,092	80,451	87,760	936,878	902,509
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of June	$ 6,827,000	8,447,000	472,000	502,000	47,000	83,000	5,748,000	6,576,000
January - June	$ 37,044,000	38,029,000	2,247,000	2,171,000	1,443,000	1,497,000	31,786,000	28,779,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1955	1956
Month of June	$ 13,094,000	$ 15,608,000
January - June	$ 72,520,000	$ 70,476,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (MAY AND JANUARY-MAY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (JUNE AND JANUARY-JUNE) FOR ALBERTA 1955 and 1956

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	MAY		JANUARY - MAY		MAY		JANUARY - MAY	
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	2,391	2,315	7,918	7,856	1,420	1,373	4,894	4,750
Dairy Butter	5.5	7	21.6	23.2	3	4	12	13
Milk for Cheese Making	2,244	2,090	8,250	7,755	51	47	193	180
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	12,438	14,013	54,224	57,620	332	369	1,522	1,585
Milk for Fluid Sales	18,234	20,057	91,277	98,093	832	905	4,197	4,461
TOTAL VALUE					$ 2,638	2,698	10,818	10,989

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	JUNE		JANUARY - JUNE		JUNE		JANUARY - JUNE	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:*	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,816,000	2,009,000	10,216,000	10,121,000	494,000	655,000	2,773,000	3,163,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	652,000	712,000	1,890,000	2,412,000	168,000	202,000	509,000	696,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 662,000	857,000	3,282,000	3,859,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations.

	1953	1954	1955
Eggs	56.1	47.3	44.5
Poultry	35.4	36.0	49.3

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

			1955 (Jan.- June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	11,252,205	11,213,477	- .3	1,538,418	1,815,517	18.0
	- Production	Centals	3,105,741	3,120,506	.5	508,839	460,188	- 9.6
		Value $.	14,220,015	14,134,953	- .6	2,[illegible],632	2,115,355	- 9.0
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs..	13,979,296	13,712,443	- 1.9	4,323,932	4,132,279	- 4.4
		Value $.	8,163,338	7,868,819	- 3.6	2,443,022	2,334,738	- 4.4
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	1,044,815	952,069	- 8.9	294,111	247,227	-15.9
		Value $.	339,565	311,895	- 8.1	95,586	82,821	-13.4
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	15,277,216	16,276,004	6.5	2,899,666	2,955,474	1.9
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	62,322,264	64,943,483	4.2	11,304,694	11,843,181	4.8
	Production	Meat Lbs.	179,246,419	194,512,236	8.5	28,796,600	31,667,986	10.0
		Value $.	45,559,944	45,449,424	- .2	7,734,456	8,310,679	7.5
	Exports	Meat Lbs.	95,085,225	101,408,479	6.7	16,564,374	18,327,991	10.6
		Value $.	24,193,385	23,786,306	- 1.7	4,449,191	4,809,265	8.1
Margarine Sales		Lbs.	4,212,865	4,332,780	2.8	498,580	569,836	14.3
		Value $.	1,228,657	1,211,371	- 1.4	143,904	163,727	13.8

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING J U N E 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955.

			1955 (Jan. - June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	1,924,884	2,077,061	7.9	220,936	169,765	-23.2
		Value $.	10,089,791	11,161,575	10.6	1,234,833	965,340	-21.8
Salt	Production	Tons	19,476	23,[illegible]	20.6	3,790	4,362	15.1
Petroleum Products Refined-Gross Sales		$.	64,510,916	72,066,[illegible]79	11.7	[illegible],343	13,595,950	- 4.4
Propane	Production	Gallons.	13,363,478	15,613,928*	16.8	2,117,665	2,391,987	13.0
	Sales	Gallons.	11,290,026	13,795,72[illegible]	22.2	1,300,398	1,932,230	48.6
Butane	Production	Gallons.	7,660,779	9,701,[illegible]	26.[illegible]	[illegible],500,93[illegible]	1,588,807	5.9
	Sales	Gallons.	7,250,303	7,571,284	[illegible].[illegible]	[illegible],456,443	953,197	-34.6
Sulphur	Production	Tons	13,995	16,615	18.7	1,730	1,504	-13.1
	Sales	Tons	9,475	10,890	14.9	1,642	4,090	149.1
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,299,678	1,230,729	- 5.3	141,168	196,740	39.4
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,495,564	2,721,17[illegible]	9.0	947,028	744,226	-21.4
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,402,350	1,788,033	27.5	[illegible],330	357,949	- 5.1
		Value $.	3,498,531	4,512,541	29.0	943,325	945,403	.2
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	334,852	385,155	15.0	72,[illegible]44	78,946	8.4
	Production	Tons	12,756	16,262	27.5	2,383	2,906	21.9
		Value $.	169,019	194,957	15.3	32,028	34,196	6.8

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

* Revised.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING M A Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

			1955 (Jan. - May)	1956 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (May)	1956 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum - Crude	(1)	Production-Barrels	41,021,280	55,930,827	36.3	8,606,716	9,976,591	15.9
		Value of Sales $.	99,968,951	137,779,764	37.9	21,089,597	24,742,189	17.3
Natural Gas	(1)	Production- M.C.F.	69,356,480	85,225,383	22.9	11,292,006	13,325,530	18.0
Petroleum - Crude (Revised Series)	(2)	Imports Barrels	709,217	631,834	- 10.9	165,827	155,376	- 6.3
		Exports Barrels	33,698,177	47,730,906	41.6	8,065,159	8,462,037	4.9
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production-Barrels	7,966,181	8,957,950	12.4	1,350,688	1,452,886*	7.6
		Imports Barrels	116,509	110,889	- 4.8	36,425	21,657	- 40.5
		Exports Barrels	1,795,072	2,038,260	13.5	488,795	430,790	- 11.9
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1)	Production-Barrels	352,679	377,729	7.1	67,709	66,778	- 1.4
		Value of Sales $.	987,196	1,098,734	11.3	193,359	208,976	8.1

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, May, 1956, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Composed of 635,526 bbls. gasoline; 354,823 bbls. diesel fuel; 19,886 bbls. kerosene; 442,651 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

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JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

		1955 (Jan. - June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
							%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber	ft.b.m.	321,600,000	302,100,000	- 6.1	6,000,000	4,000,000*	- 33.3
	Value $.	12,864,000	12,084,000	- 6.1	240,000	160,000*	- 33.3
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.		15,824,000	15,044,000	- 4.9	280,000	200,000*	- 28.6
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts.	1,560,526	968,315	- 37.[illegible]	131,447	110,086	- 16.3
	Value $.	1,834,371	1,113,768	- 39.[illegible]	263,785	284,577	7.9
Life Insurance Sales -	$.	94,197,000	116,998,000	24.2	[illegible],977,000	21,341,000	18.7
		1955 (Jan. - July)	1956 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (July)	1956 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
							%
Bank Clearings	$.	2,972,162,298	3,813,021,281	2[illegible].3	473,432,494	613,418,052	29.6

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

		1955 (Jan. - May)	1956 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (May)	1956 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
							%
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	3,613,761,000	4,696,630,000	30.0	774,[illegible]54,000	1,218,858,000	57.3
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	14,285	16,138	13.0	4,053	4,433	9.4
	Value $.	37,773,000	48,562,000	28.6	10,678,000	13,143,000	23.1
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	5,681,852	8,58[illegible],747	51.1	1,231,359	1,895,146	53.9
Electric Power - Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	693,449,000	840,7[illegible]4,000	21.2	130,424,000	152,400,000	16.8

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 33, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVIII, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vo. 24, No. 5, 195[illegible], Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
* Estimated.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

BUILDING PERMITS:		1955 (Jan. - June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
CALGARY	Number	2,472	2,038	- 17.6	643	468	- 27.2
	Value $.	29,271,503	33,667,101	15.0	6,920,915	4,641,304	- 32.9
EDMONTON	Number	3,361	3,617	7.6	986	1,143	15.9
	Value $.	26,522,341	31,955,909	20.5	6,870,858	12,462,666	81.4
LETHBRIDGE	Number	403	349	- 13.4	91	70	- 23.1
	Value $.	3,477,524	3,620,019	4.1	567,485	1,014,675	78.8
MEDICINE HAT	Number	210	295	40.5	64	85	32.8
	Value $.	3,929,040	2,809,735	- 28.5	757,250	735,660	- 2.9
RED DEER	Number	172	178	3.5	61	59	- 3.3
	Value $.	1,759,945	1,775,580	.9	448,565	383,100	- 14.6
DRUMHELLER	Number	29	29	-	10	5	- 50.0
	Value $.	140,323	61,110	- 56.5	47,275	7,350	- 84.5
WETASKIWIN	Number	24	40	66.7	8	16	100.0
	Value $.	162,575	550,196	238.4	21,300	108,625	410.0
CAMROSE	Number	65	55	15.4	28	14	- 50.0
	Value $.	1,025,230	311,650	69.6	132,715	77,700	- 41.5
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - - -	NUMBER	6,736	6,601	- 2.0	1,891	1,860	- 1.6
	VALUE $.	66,288,481	74,751,300	12.8	15,766,363	19,431,080	23.2
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages) -	VALUE $.	7,210,014*	19,480,695*	170.2	2,387,218	4,988,483	109.0

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1955 (Jan. - June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
RESIDENTIAL	Number	2,749	3,320	20.8	830	1,028	23.9
	Value $.	27,190,700	34,870,900	28.2	8,145,[illegible]	11,278,000	38.5
BUSINESS	Number	287	418	45.6	103	111	7.8
	Value $.	21,609,400	35,256,500	63.2	3,574,200	10,888,200	204.6
INDUSTRIAL	Number	26	53	103.8	9	21	133.3
	Value $.	4,648,800	12,947,100	178.5	1,642,500	3,653,200	122.4
ENGINEERING	Number	121	163	34.7	36	56	55.6
	Value $.	20,966,300	53,414,000	154.8	7,386,700	23,137,700	213.2
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	3,183	3,954	24.2	978	1,216	24.3
	VALUE $.	74,415,200	136,488,500	83.4	20,748,800	48,957,100	136.0

(1) Source: Building Reporter, July, 1956, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

* Amended

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - July)	1956 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (July)	1956 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	415,627	385,890	- 7.2	180,917	167,720	- 7.3
Elk Island	113,181	106,139	- 6.2	52,019	53,918	3.7
Jasper	72,677	132,049	81.7	51,351	78,919	53.7
Waterton Lakes	121,094	137,616	13.6	75,016	81,754	9.0
TOTAL	722,579	761,694	5.4	359,303	382,311	6.4

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - June)	1956 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	147	152	3.4	44	24	- 45.5
Carway	5,509	6,351	15.3	2,932	3,391	15.7
Chief Mountain	1,531	1,834	19.8	1,4[illegible]	1,774	20.1
Coutts	17,773	18,364	3.3	5,752	4,791	- 16.7
Del Bonita	583	690	18.4	146	148	1.4
Wild Horse	307	409	33.2	113	154	36.3
TOTAL	25,850	27,800	7.5	10,464	10,282	- 1.7

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan.- June)	1956 (Jan.- June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (June)	1956 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	48,077,779	60,567,264	26.0	8,967,170	13,209,973	47.3
Boots and Shoes	1,925,906	2,154,685	11.9	326,958	344,584	5.4
Drugs	4,335,371	4,355,920	.5	701,673	687,132	- 2.1
Dry Goods	5,199,470	5,513,508	6.0	771.388	822,890	6.7
Electrical Appliances and Radios	23,090,909	25,964,506	12.4	3,165,963	3,879,107	22.5
Florists	378,597	408,852	8.0	58,116	66,456	14.4
Furniture	1,521,419	1,642,845	8.0	27[illegible],575	283,424	1.7
Groceries (including Fruits & Vegetables)	75,541,181	81,121,747	7.4	12,[illegible]	13,501,362	6.5
Hardware	28,450,686	33,24[illegible],525	16.8	[illegible],244	6,515,607	15.1
Jewellery and Silverware	227,112	246,262	8.4	[illegible]5,188	49,567	9.7
Lumber and Building Supplies	26,051,087	30,504,336	17.1	6,119,099	6,766,893	10.6
Machinery, Agricultural	14,509,101	16,621,[illegible]	14.6	[illegible],623	3,222,303	22.5
Machinery, Other	9,024,527	11,805,063	30.8	1,926,208	2,450,031	27.2
Paints and Varnishes	4,364,430	5,011,044	14.8	744,360	779,696	4.7
Paper	4,144,077	4,636,933	11.9	728,895	782,206	7.3
Tobacco	9,383,793	9,913,609	5.6	1,370,117	1,435,669	4.8
Oilfield Supplies	6,069,885	12,276,771	102.3	810,275	1,322,266	63.2
Carbonated Beverages	5,770,657	5,722,959	- .8	1,304,734	1,171,284	- 10.2
Miscellaneous	27,868,824	34,340,563	23.2	5,077,989	6,276,814	10.5
TOTAL	295,934,811	346,053,315	16.9	53,966,014	63,567,264	17.8
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	60,040,828	68,835,104	14.6	11,221,037	12,381,661	10.3
Edmonton	68,374,500	79,621,678	16.4	13,139,479	15,342,329	16.8
Lethbridge	6,283,798	7,282,140	15.9	975,807	1,077,867	10.5
Medicine Hat	813,475	852,980	4.9	158,356	136,206	- 14.0
Smaller Centres	3,906,948	4,597,385	17.7	974,234	946,715	- 2.8
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	156,515,262	184,864,028	18.1	27,497,101	33,682,486	22.5
TOTAL	295,934,811	346,053,315	16.9	53,966,014	63,567,264	17.8

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - May)	1956 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (May)	1956 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	371,372,000	407,815,000	9.8	87,926,000	99,892,000	13.6
Grocery and Combination Stores - - - - -	54,104,000	58,180,000	7.5	11,175,000	12,528,000	12.1
Other Food and Beverage Stores - - - - -	21,608,000	21,737,000	.6	4,591,000	4,941,000	7.6
General Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	19,950,000	20,973,000	5.1	4,654,000	5,338,000	14.7
Department Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	39,399,000	44,870,000	13.9	8,551,000	9,808,000	14.7
Variety Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4,292,000	5,180,000	20.7	965,000	1,228,000	27.3
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - - - - -	79,648,000	94,438,000	18.6	21,308,000	24,313,000	14.1
Garage and Filling Stations - - - - - -	26,386,000	27,205,000	3.1	5,709,000	6,156,000	7.8
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - - - - -	5,660,000	6,016,000	6.3	1,188,000	1,334,000	12.3
Family Clothing Stores - - - - - - - - -	4,019,000	4,098,000	2.0	898,000	993,000	10.6
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - - - - -	6,850,000	7,100,000	3.6	1,857,000	2,199,000	18.4
Shoe Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,048,000	2,285,000	11.6	517,000	650,000	25.7
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	9,095,000	9,653,000	6.1	2,680,000	2,905,000	8.4
Lumber and Building Material Dealers - -	14,965,000	18,202,000	21.6	4,112,000	5,214,000	26.8
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores - -	15,845,000	16,740,000	5.6	3,385,000	3,952,000	16.8
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	12,361,000	12,267,000	- .8	3,333,000	3,409,000	2.3
Fuel Dealers - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	266,000	301,000	13.2	29,000	20,000	- 31.0
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8,369,000	8,652,000	3.4	1,681,000	1,831,000	8.9
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,811,000	1,921,000	6.1	423,000	469,000	10.9
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - - - -	44,696,000	47,997,000	7.4	10,870,000	12,604,000	16.0

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVIII, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 31 May, 1956.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 56, No. 6, June, 1956)

Business activity in the Prairie region showed a decided increase during May. Spring seeding was hampered by wet weather during the first half of the month but increased rapidly during the last two weeks of May under ideal weather conditions. Logging operations were curtailed owing to an unusually large number of fires and the seamen's strike slowed down lake shipping; but on the whole, industrial employment showed further strengthening during the month.

Job opportunities were more numerous than last year in almost all areas. Shortages of workers in a wide range of occupations occurred in Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Swift Current. In other areas, the demand for farm workers to complete spring work was strong and early shortages of skilled construction workers were expected.

CALGARY (Metropolitan area). Reclassified from Labour surplus to Labour shortage group. Unemployment fell sharply and by the end of the month a general shortage of labour had developed. Job opportunities were much more numerous than a year earlier in almost all occupations; vacancies listed at NES offices represented 80 per cent of total registrations for employment, compared with 40 per cent a year earlier.

EDMONTON (Metropolitan area). Reclassified from Labour surplus to Labour shortage group. The rapid expansion of oil exploration and construction, together with the steady growth of trade and services, resulted in unusually heavy labour requirements.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are Requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 31st of May, 1956, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At M A Y 1, 1956, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	May 1 1955	May 1 1956	May 1 1955	May 1 1956	May 1 1956.
			$	$	
Mining	102.5	119.6	70.74	83.83	18,796
Coal	38.6	34.5	51.20	57.09	2,781
Oil	185.7	229.4	82.63	88.60	14,581
Manufacturing	125.0	140.7	63.54	65.42	28,435
Foods and Beverages	110.2	114.3	61.60	63.68	8,395
Meat Products	121.8	127.6	67.17	70.45	4,054
Wood Products	93.5	104.2	49.54	52.20	2,803
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	104.8	116.7	60.96	62.85	1,301
Iron and Steel Products	146.2	171.9	69.01	69.65	3,064
Transportation Equipment	130.4	157.2	62.98	64.41	4,651
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	121.4	152.9	58.90	62.01	2,405
Products of Petroleum and Coal	151.8	173.3	88.59	88.22	1,610
Construction	143.9	178.3	59.62	70.37	19,988
Buildings and Structures (k)	163.4	210.7	60.32	74.05	13,126
Highways, Bridges and Streets	119.5	137.7	58.44	63.33	6,862
Transportation, Storage, Communication	106.9	116.2	63.74	66.61	24,247
Steam Railways	90.9	96.7	66.10	69.46	12,938
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	133.1	150.1	66.32	70.59	3,888
Storage	109.7	112.5	54.31	54.74	2,628
Trade	128.2	145.0	53.35	55.06	28,895
Wholesale	128.3	141.9	58.43	62.06	9,604
Retail	128.2	146.6	50.70	51.57	19,291
Service	123.9	141.2	40.47	42.80	8,403
Hotels and Restaurants	116.0	132.5	39.26	40.92	5,436
Industrial Composite	121.0	137.1	60.66	64.82	138,809

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At M A Y 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	May 1 1955	May 1 1956	May 1 1955 $	May 1 1956 $	May 1 1956
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	120.3	134.6	64.94	66.25	9,984
Foods and Beverages	114.8	119.6	64.37	66.59	3,000
Transportation Equipment	121.2	149.1	64.20	63.42	2,727
Construction	164.8	191.9	63.13	66.41	3,808
Wholesale Trade	122.5	132.1	58.64	61.51	4,113
Retail Trade	129.7	143.6	51.71	55.03	7,248
Industrial Composite	132.9	147.7	59.41	61.76	36,187
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	143.8	163.1	63.99	66.19	12,281
Foods and Beverages	122.6	127.3	62.30	64.62	3,858
Meat Products	126.3	128.0	65.06	68.65	2,621
Construction	153.0	183.1	60.55	66.67	7,305
Wholesale Trade	144.6	170.5	58.63	62.35	4,166
Retail Trade	131.5	156.8	56.48	49.34	9,123
Industrial Composite	143.1	165.1	57.72	59.90	42,168

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At M A Y 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	May 1 1955	May 1 1956	May 1 1955 ¢	May 1 1956 ¢	May 1 1955 $	May 1 1956 $	May 1 1956
Coal Mining	25.3	30.2	181.4	184.0	45.89	55.57	2,200
Oil and Natural Gas Production	40.1	40.3	176.0	186.4	70.58	75.12	4,021
Manufacturing	39.9	40.2	152.0	155.0	60.65	62.31	19,784
Foods and Beverages	38.8	39.4	148.2	152.2	57.50	59.97	5,524
Meat Products	38.8	39.8	162.2	165.9	62.93	66.03	2,830
Transportation Equipment	40.6	40.7	152.8	154.7	62.04	62.96	3,713
Buildings and Structures (h)	34.2	38.4	165.7	186.5	56.67	71.62	10,145
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	41.0	39.5	152.6	158.6	62.57	62.65	2,023
Services (j)	40.3	40.5	92.8	94.6	37.40	38.31	4,446

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, May, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.